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Dear month that gave as Christ!

Ring sweet, ring strokened by your chime,
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There are plenty of stern utilitarians to advise the parchase of only useful gifts for the holiday season, but those tedious old bores were never more mistaken in all their monotonous journey through this happy world which they insist upon making a "valo of tears."
They have forgotten, in their fossilized condition, that they were ever children themselves, and utterly fail to comprehend the real delight of the tender Christians tide, when love rules the world, and the little folks are rightful lords of the occasion.

Useful gifts are very well in their way, but they are good at any time, and, you know, "Christians comes but once a year."

As the head of a family you are expected to hay books and bonucks, gowns, gloves, electer, a

family affairs in this way; but if you pretend to make Christmas presents give something for the recipiont's own individual use or pleasure. If the dishes and the blankets, pots, pans, and kettles must be bought, give your family the money, let them purchase the articles themselves and make you a present of them. Since there are three hundred and sixty-four other days in the year, can't you devote one to the good old canons of Christmas-giving that give no head, to sortid utility? If you haven't \$500 to spend, or \$100, or even \$\frac{1}{2}\$, take Bob Ingersoll's advice and spend your \$1 mike a king."

What a cruel blow would it be to the children's faith in the kindly old saint; what a

ters of every day in their Christmas stockings! It is the drums and the doils and the
picture-books and the bon-bons that make
child-life worth having, and for which they
have been longingly looking forward to the
happy coming of Santa Chus.

Let them toot you erany with their trumpets and cut open their drums the day after,
if they want to, and melt the uniling countenances of the French dolls, and comb all their
golden hair out, and demolish the automata
in their cager curiosity to discover the secret
springs of action; they will wake to the stem
realities of this work-a-day world soon enough,
and will make all the better men and women
for the dear delusions of childhood.

In this connection let us monition what Sains
Nicholas says about

"A CHRISTMAN FIR."

Nothing can be droller than to hang up one's stocking, and nothing pretitor or more full of recenting than a Christman tree. But for you who like to make a novelty in these time-honored ways it is good fun to make a Christman pie in an enormous in dish-han, with a make-believe cruss of yellow cariridge paper, ornamented with wists and flourishen of the same, held down with pins. Have it served on Christman ever full of pretty things and sugar plums, jokes and july little rhymes fastened to the parcels. The cutting should be done before-hand and hidden by the twirts of paper; but the carver can pretend to use his knife and fork, and spooping out the packages will insure a merry time for all at the table. Little articles wrapped in white paper can be put inside cakes, baked and iccd, and thus furnish another amusing surprise for the "pie or Christmas tree."

pie or Christmas tree." Mrs. Henrietta Stuart, at her residen 715 Twelfth street northwest, gave a Mrs. Henrietta Stuart, at her residence, Ne. 715 Twelfth street northwest, gave a large party the other evening in honor of her relative, Miss Sue Barrett, of Pittaburg, who is visiting her. Among the guests were Hon. W. F. Sapp, Judge Casey, Gov. Burbank and daughter, Hon. Thomas B. Morgan, wife, and daughter, Samuel Norment and wife, Hon. A. P. Lacey, wife, and neice, and Mrs. Judge Key and daughter. The bachelors, too, were in full force. Music, dancing, and choicest re-freshments made up the order of enjoyments, and it was long after "the wee smx hours agint the twal" before the guests bid their charming hostess "good morrow."

accomplished woman, and is always careful and per renditions." Again: "The attage is assumed in her renditions."

of Miss Pomeroy's troupe are especial mended, not less for their exquired beauty, grace, and repeated beauty, grace, and grace, gra than for their beauty, grace, and relinement. How dull it must have been in the time of the great bard, when rude, ungainly boys, dressed in woman's gear, strutted the stage; and how in love Shakespeare would be with his own divine creations could be see the picture reversed, and his cay maidens personated by the loveliest of women." Miss Pomeny is especially charmed with Miss Story, and says "It is a pleasure to play with one who is not only well versied in her liges, but a soul to understand and appreciate them."

Household Hints

THE SOOT FROM THE CHIMNEY should be saved. A plut of it to a palifull of water is the best kind of liquid manure for flower-beds and IN POACHING EDGS, if you will lay your muffin-rings in the water and drop an egg in-add of each, the egg will come out as smooth and round as the ring.

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Hickony-NUT CAKE.—One cup sagar, half carp butter, half cup sweet milk, two teaspeonsful of cream-tartar, half teaspeon soda, spice to taste; sir quite stiff, and then add two cups of nut-ments.

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Another Breakfast Diss.—Cut six good cooking apples into thick, even slices; have a pan of fresh, hot lard ready, drop the slices in, and fry till brown. Sprinkle a little sugar over them, and serve hot.

SEET PUDDING.—One cupful of molasses, one cupful suct chopped fine, one cupful milk or water, one cupful raisins or currants, one case cupful milk or water, one cupful raisins or currants, one tea-spoonful soda, four cupful of flour; put in a battered pail, cover tight and steam three hours. Eat hot, with sance.

Overen Muss.—Make about three quarts of cort-meal muss, just as you would for "much and milk;" take the kettle off the stove, and while hot sitr in a quart of oysters, liquor and all; sitr well; the mugh will be hot enough to cook the oysters all that is necessary; then set it away to cool until the next morning; (if you dip it out into long time you will find it mentided in more convenient shape;) slice and fry as you would common muss. All lovers of oysters find this a very palatable dish.